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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 4044**  
Akihisa HONGO *et al.* : Attorney Docket No. 2003\_1822A  
Serial No. 10/735,771 : Group Art Unit 1792  
Filed December 16, 2003 : Examiner Sylvia R. MacArthur  
SUBSTRATE PROCESSING APPARATUS  
AND SUBSTRATE PROCESSING METHOD : **Mail Stop AF**

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE  
FEES FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT  
ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed November 24, 2008, reconsideration of the rejections therein is respectfully requested for the following reasons.